

# Two New Species of *Paederus* (Col., Staphylinidae) from Papua New Guinea

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## ABSTRACT

Two New Species of *Paederus* (Col. Staphylinidae) from Papua New Guinea are described: *P. ullrichi* and *P. bonus*.

The following two species taken in Papua New Guinea were among material sent from the Geneva Natural History Museum by Dr I. Löbl to whom I record my best thanks. The holotypes are incorporated in the Geneva Museum collections. I also thank my friend Jonathan Cooter for his help and for typing this paper.

### ***Paederus ullrichi* sp. n.**

**H o l o t y p e** ♀ : Kainantu, Onerunka, Papua New Guinea, VI.1979 (W. G. Ullrich). Paratypes, same locality, 21.IX.1979 (1 ♀) 19.V.1979 (1 ♀). In the Geneva Museum Collection.

Length 6 mm. Black, antennae with three basal segments obscurely yellow, elytra dark blue-green.

Head with eyes a little broader than long, posterior corners discernable, eyes from above large and convex a little longer than the temples; antennal segments longer than broad, second segment shorter than one and three, with fine setae. Head shining, with rather large punctures on the temples where there are some porrect bristles. Pronotum almost as broad as the head, very slightly converging posteriorly, very sparingly punctured, a few lateral setae; very shining.

Elytra distinctly longer than broad, strongly but not very densely punctured, shining, parallel-sided. Abdomen moderately shining, finely punctured. Legs typically long, with fine setae.

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\* "Woodville", Hillside Walk, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3HL.

Of about the same size as *P. tambulensis* Last, but puncturation of the elytra not so coarse or confluent, basal segments of the antennae not so bright, and abdomen less setose.

***Paederus bonus* sp. n.**

H o l o t y p e ♂ unique, Morobe, Kaiapit, Papua New Guinea, XII.1978 in the Geneva Museum Collection.

Length 9 mm. Black, elytra blue-black, basal three segments of the antennae and maxillary palpi dusky-yellow.

Head a little broader than long, eyes large, convex, from above equal in length to that of the temples, shining, with a few isolated small punctures. All segments of the antennae longer than broad, the second shorter than first and third.

Pronotum as long as broad, shining, with very few isolated punctures, convex, slightly converging posteriorly, with outstanding lateral setae.

Elytra longer than broad, strongly punctured, shining, parallel-sided.

Abdomen moderately shining and sparingly punctured, with a fine microsculpture.

Legs typically long and finely setose.

*Remarks.* Head and puncturation of elytra similar to that of *P. centralis* Last, but colour of pronotum is black (in *centralis* it is red) the legs are also completely black (in *centralis* the base of the femora is red-yellow). The aedeagus is very similar.